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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Takaaki NAGAI

Serial No.: 09/837,734

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Title: **NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE
APPARATUS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**

Examiner: Douglas W. Owens

Group Art Unit: 2811

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

one month three months

two months four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$950.00.

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Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application. A verified small entity statement:

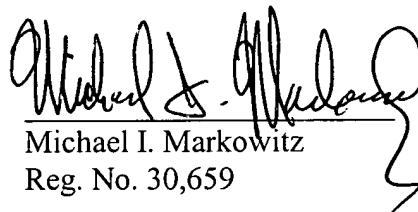
has been filed is enclosed

Also enclosed is a:

Response to Official Action

Notice of Appeal Appeal Brief

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